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Chapter I
Introduction

1. In its report dated 22 March 2006,[1] which the General Assembly welcomed in its resolution 60/263 of 6 June 2006, the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations decided to consider, during the sixtieth session of the Assembly, the Secretary-General's strategy for victim assistance and the revised draft model memorandum of understanding between the United Nations and Member States contributing resources to United Nations peacekeeping operations, including a proposal on national investigations officers.

2. The open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts from Member States, established pursuant to the decision of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations,[2] met in New York on 26 and 27 June 2006 to consider documents related to the issues mentioned above.

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 19* (A/60/19), para. 74.

[2] Ibid., para. 75.

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3. The open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts had before it four informal documents provided by the Secretariat: a working document based on the draft 1997 model memorandum of understanding, entitled "Second draft revisions to the draft 1997 model memorandum of understanding version, 23 May 2006"; an unofficial advance copy of the "Draft United Nations policy statement and draft United Nations comprehensive strategy on assistance and support to victims of sexual exploitation and abuse by United Nations staff or related personnel"; the "National Investigations Officer Concept — Final", dated 21 April 2006; and "Proposed unification of standards of conduct for United Nations peacekeeping contingents", dated 30 January 2006.

4. Subsequent to the meeting of the open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts, the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations held its 192nd and 193rd meetings in New York on 27 July 2006 to consider the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

Chapter II
Proposals, recommendations and conclusions

Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts and resumed session

5. The Special Committee notes that the documents for consideration by the open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts (see para. 3 above) were not officially issued at the time of its meetings on 26 and 27 June 2006. It notes that the "Draft United Nations policy statement and draft United Nations comprehensive strategy on assistance and support to victims of sexual exploitation and abuse by United Nations staff or related personnel" was subsequently issued with the date of 5 June 2006 (A/60/877, annex) and requests that the Secretariat provide the revised draft model memorandum of understanding to Member States as a General Assembly document in all official United Nations languages by September 2006.

6. The Special Committee decides to continue its considerations of these issues and intends to reconvene the open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts to consider the above-mentioned documents from 11 to 15 December 2006. If necessary, the Ad Hoc Working Group may continue its deliberations on 18 December 2006. The Special Committee requests the Secretary-General to provide the Ad Hoc Working Group with the full conference services required for its deliberations.

7. The Special Committee intends to consider the findings of the open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts at the conclusion of the meeting of the Working Group on 15 or 18 December 2006. The Special Committee may incorporate the results of that meeting in the report on its substantive session.

8. To ensure a fruitful consideration by the open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts, the Special Committee requests that the revised draft model memorandum of understanding take into consideration views expressed by Member States in 2005 and 2006. The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations also decides that deliberations by Member States on the "Draft United Nations policy statement and draft United Nations comprehensive strategy on assistance and

support to victims of sexual exploitation and abuse by United Nations staff or related personnel" (A/60/877, annex) are needed.

Meetings of the Special Committee during the sixty-first session of the General Assembly

9. The Special Committee decides to hold its next substantive session from 26 February until 16 March 2007.

10. In preparation for the substantive session, the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations requests the Secretary-General to provide to the Special Committee, along with his progress report on the implementation of its recommendations, an addendum in the form of a matrix providing further details on the implementation of recommendations, as provided for in the 2006 session.